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SUBJECT: IDB RESOLUTION ON GUYANA AND BAHAMAS MEMBERSHIP

AND LENDING TO CDB

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1. AMBASSADOR TALBOT CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
KUBISCH JUNE 25 TO REAFFIRM TO THE DEPARTMENT GUYANA'S
SPECIAL INTEREST IN PASSAGE BY THE IDB BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF A RESOLUTION ENABLING GUYANA MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTER-
AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB). THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT WAS
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CONCERNED THAT THE OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION WHICH HAS TO BE

VOTED UPON BY JULY 5 MIGHT NOT PASS BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION TO THE SECTION OF THIS RESOLUTION ENABLING LOANS TO THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB) WHICH IN TURN COULD BE RE-LENT TO CDB MEMBERS.

2. TALBOT SPECIFICALLY NOTED THE INITIATIVE OF GUATEMALA, WHICH OPPOSES IDB ASSISTANCE BENEFITING BELIZE BUT DOES NOT OPPOSE IDB MEMBERSHIP FOR GUYANA AND THE BAHAMAS. (GUATEMALA HAS SUGGESTED AN AMENDMENT TO BAR THE CDP FROM RE-LENDING IDB FUNDS TO DISPUTED TERRITORIES.) TALBOT UNDERSTOOD SEVERAL COUNTRIES (INCLUDING BRAZIL, PERU, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, AND BOLIVIA) MIGHT OPPOSE THE PROVISION CONCERNING LENDING TO THE CDB BUT WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THAT PART OF THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING

MEMBERSHIP FOR GUYANA AND THE BAHAMAS.

3. TALBOT EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE GUYANA WISHED TO SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF ITS SISTER CARIBBEAN STATES TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM IDB LOANS TO THE CDB, HIS GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED THAT MEMBERSHIP FOR GUYANA AND THE BAHAMAS COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 1975. IF NECESSARY, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD FAVOR SEPARATING THE TWO ISSUES IN THE RESOLUTION.

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH OBSERVED THAT THE USG ACCORDED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO GUYANA AND THE BAHAMAS BEING INTEGRATED INTO THE REGION AND ALL ITS INSTITUTIONS. HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUES AS RAISED BY THE AMBASSADOR BUT NOTED THAT THE USG HAD ALREADY TAKEN SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT STEPS. SPECIFICALLY THE USG SUPPORTED AT SANTIAGO THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR IDB MEMBERSHIP FOR GUYANA AND THE BAHAMAS AS WELL AS LENDING TO THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. THE USG GOVERNOR ALREADY HAS FORMALLY VOTED FOR THE IDB RESOLUTION CURRENTLY BEFORE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. MOREOVER, WE HAVE CABLED OUR EMBASSIES IN THE HEMISPHERE AND REQUESTED THEM TO ADVISE THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT THE USG HAS VOTED IN FAVOR OF AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE IDB RESOLUTION. SEE REFTELS. SISCO

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